

Hoosiers Will be Up in Front Says Smith—Local Y. Five Wins at Laporte

SMITH SAYS HE IS OUT FOR TOP RUNG THIS YEAR

Ed Admits He's Out for Flag in Southern Michigan and Prospects Are Bright—More Than Made Good in 1914.

Ed Smith promises to put South Bend in a place on the baseball map this summer which it has occupied but once in history.

This particular place on the ever-changing map is the championship of a baseball league which means that Ed is going after the South Bend pennant with the everlasting determination to win the coveted flag.

Although South Bend has been organized for 14 seasons, but one pennant has ever been awarded to a local team. In 1910 Eddie Wheeler, now owner of the Flint club in the South, grabbed the honors from the Central club. Smith now promises to bring home the burning again only said bunting will be taken from the Southern Michigan magnates.

This promise should be regarded seriously by South Bend fans as the Hoosier leader has the reputation of getting what he goes after. He is responsible and responsible alone for South Bend being on the baseball map in any way. In the spring and summer of 1914 indications were that this section of northern Indiana would forever be without organized baseball due to the loss of the Central league franchise.

But Smith was of a different opinion. As owner of the Grand Rapids team he had skinned every club in the Central league. He then sought a new field, choosing South Bend, his home town, as the most profitable. Baseball men here had been making a mistake. South Bend at that time had the name of being a "dead zone" but Ed's stubbornness came to the rescue and he landed a berth for the city in the Southern Michigan.

Results have proven that Ed's judgment was correct. Although the fight has been a hard one. He started the 1914 season with a club that was about as near a regular ball team as a broomstick almost a pump handle. It was a makeshift organization composed of war recruits and worn out veterans with one or two promising youngsters who stayed throughout the season. By careful watching and good judgment Smith shifted the good from the bad, pruned here and there, spent money and when the middle of the season rolled around he had a respectable appearing team which had begun to look like a poor start but under the managerial eyes of Smith and his sidekick, Ben Kochler, they marked up a fair record before the close of the first half of the season.

A slump in the second half of the season, however, kept the Smithies at the bottom of the column. But just two weeks before the close of the initial half they began to climb and in those 14 days ascended to fifth position.

Again in the opening of the second leg of the season the Hoosiers fell down for several days, holding the cellar without opposition. Here Smith and Ben Kochler began working and through hard pounding sent the team to the third hole in seven days. This place was held by the Hoosiers from that time on until the close of the season when they dropped into fourth place.

There were but three other teams on the circuit whose average records for the season ranked above those of the Hoosiers. South Bend, however, took second place at the close of the second half by leading South Bend by one game was the only club which did not drop below third place during the entire season. By City has an excellent record, not going lower than fourth place but once, then occupying the cellar but for a week. Saginaw fluctuated around during the entire season, finishing the first half in sixth place and winning the second by a short margin.

But the point is that Smith kept his nondescript crew up among the leaders and with an average record against veteran opposition. Eddie Creek, Bay City and Saginaw were teams with more than usual experience. The players were not raw leaguers but the greater majority had played in the South Bend before. Smith himself had seen but little ball in this league while but few of his players had ever worked in the circuit. But these handicaps did not hinder his going into the fray with the fervor that kept the leaders in fear of a serious rally.

The recital of the 1914 record of Ed Smith and his ball club is just a reminder of what may be expected from the Hoosier pilot this year. He will go to the bat with a bunch of amateurs who do not even have the earmarks of comers this spring. He has already signed a bunch of men who are proven and who are known to South Bend fans. The recruit squad will be composed largely of youngsters who are reported to have promising records in the semi-professional field.

Ed wants a team composed of big men. He is partial to lanky ball players although he himself, just at this time, is almost as broad as he is long. At least three more six footers have been signed by the Hoosier owner for the 1915 try-out and he expects them to make good. He said yesterday that he has another candidate for the shortstop job and a new outfielder.

Just whether Ed will make good his promise about grabbing the pennant is naturally unknown but every sign points toward his being among the leaders in the league when the season closes unless some funny surprises are sprung. South Bend should support Ed's club to the utmost this summer as he has shown confidence in the sporting public here. He will not put on a season ticket selling campaign this spring as he says that he believes South Bend fans will back his club without any nagging.

GETS PLAYER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—The Louisville team has purchased Second Base man Eddie Miller from the St. Louis Browns. The Nashville Southern league team made a fight for him claiming a prior sale.

LESSONS ON HOW TO BECOME A REPORTER

BY THE POSTMORTEMIST.

LESSON VII.

Last week told you how to cover a court case and we suppose that you are well acquainted with the duties of your work in this department. We had given you an insight into all of the important beats on a newspaper so you are qualified now to do almost anything.

Of course there are lots of things that we could tell you, but these are included in a higher course in which experience is the only teacher. For instance we could tell you how the reporter got the account of the park board meeting on Friday night, but we do not intend to do so.

You by this time know more or think you know more than we do. In fact we are now prepared to tell the head writer wherein he fails; the business manager what he ought to do; the advertising man what's wrong with his work and if you had the say you would call the managing editor.

The sport editor in your opinion is the worst ever, while the police reporter doesn't know a story. The editor never gets a date right and the court house man doesn't know a plaintiff from a defendant. There is in your opinion only one newspaperman in the country and you are not too modest to permit the use of your name if somebody would want to write up this one, and only one.

So we'll leave you to live it down if possible. We know you never will but in the years pass, you will be able to forget part of your present beliefs and in a few more years you will begin to wonder how you ever managed to stick. In case you get to this point, which you are sure to do if you hang around the office, write us and we will be glad to furnish you with our post graduate course which is notable for its brevity.

(The end.)

ROSE POLY LOSES GAME TO LOCALS

Mills Leads in Scoring for Notre Dame With Nine Field Goals—Hagerty is Star for the Losers.

TERRE HAUTE, Feb. 20.—Notre Dame tonight defeated Rose Poly by a score of 46 to 33 in a fast and snappy contest. Abe Hagerty was high score man with eight field markers and six goals from the foul line. Mills was the big scorer for Notre Dame with nine field goals and one foul goal to his credit. The lineup and summary:

Rose Poly (38) Notre Dame (47)
Lahr Left Forward.
Hagerty Left Forward.
Bergman, Fitzgerald Right Forward.
Davis Left Guard.
Kinkery Left Guard.
Carter Right Guard.
Baskets—Kinkery, 4; Fitzgerald, 4; Mills, 9; Daley, 2; Lahr, 4; Hagerty, 3; Davis, 2; Kinkery, 1. Fouls—Fitzgerald, 3; Mills, 1; Daley, 1; Hagerty, 5. Referee—Westover, Purdue. Time of halves—20 minutes.

FEDS TO INVADE NEWARK

Kansas City Hasn't Chance to Keep Team Says Gilmore.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Pres't Gilmore of the Federal League, Saturday acknowledged for the first time that Newark will be in the league this coming season.

The Federal proxy asserts that Kansas City has no chance of making a fight against the transfer of the Federal league franchise from that city to the east.

Gilmore claims an up-to-date plant will be erected at Newark. Pat Powers will be the business head in charge of the club while George Stovall, last season manager at Kansas City, will pilot the team on the ball field.

PLAY AT CHICAGO TODAY

St. Florians Meet White Eagles in Second Game of Season.

The second of the three game series between the South Bend St. Florians indoor baseball team and the White Eagles, champions of the Polish Turner league of Chicago, will be played in the Windy City today. The local team is scheduled to leave for Chicago this morning. The first contest was staged in South Bend, the St. Florians proving the victors.

Three games with the Kaley league champions have been scheduled by the St. Florians. The first contest will be played at Maytag hall on Monday night, March 8. The teams appear to be evenly matched and the west side fans are expected to follow the series closely.

Following is the lineup of the St. Florians: E. Liechmerowicz, cf.; W. Wroblewski, p.; F. Aftowski, 1 ss.; J. Makieliski, r ss.; W. Pierzynski, 1b.; S. Sielinski, 2b.; J. Kazmierczak, 3b.; G. Gadsz, rf.; B. Liechmerowicz, cf.; A. Aftowski, lf.; C. Klaybor is ampire. F. P. Bezikiewicz is manager.

FIRST OUTDOOR WORKOUT

Trial Tests at Notre Dame to Be Held This Morning.

Track men at Notre Dame were given their first outdoor workout of the year yesterday afternoon.

Time trials had originally been scheduled, but the indoor track was so muddy and soft, that Coach Rockne decided to postpone the trials until this morning, immediately after church.

The sprinters and hurdlers were given considerable practice in start in the gym, but the distance men were ordered outside. Coach Rockne saw to it, however, that the legs and bodies of the men were well protected to prevent cold or stiffness. The athletes worked out on the Brownson campus, but did not run on Carter field.

KILBANE REFUSES TO MEET JOHNNY WILLIAMS IN GO

Wants Bantamweight to Make Numerous Concessions in the Way of Weight, Purse and Place to Stage Bouts.

By Ringside.
NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Johnny Kilbane, champion feather weight of this planet, absolutely refuses to be inveigled into a match with Johnny "Kilbane" Williams, who dominates the bantam weight division of this universe. At least, the Kilbane Johnny will have nothing to do with the Williams Johnny until the latter Johnny makes a number of concessions—in the matter of weight, size of purse and place where the contest should be conducted.

For a while the gullible enthusiasts of Philadelphia were loth to believe that the two champions would at last condescend to mix matters for their edification. Announcement was made that the forfeits had been posted, the date decided upon and the poundage settled. Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, was designated as the all-important day.

Now it is all off. The reason advanced for the indefinite postponement of the battle is that Kilbane refused to agree to 122 pounds at ringside, the weight Williams demanded. It is said that Kilbane was ready to make the feather weight limit at 8 stone, but the evening of a battle with Williams would hear nothing of it.

Says Kilbane Fears Him.
Williams, however, has another explanation. "The bantam boxer is firm in his conviction that Kilbane fears him, and for that reason alone does not anticipate with delight a meeting with him."

"It is Williams' end of the controversy," "I am quite certain that Kilbane does not care for any part of my game. I have reason enough to believe so after the manner in which he treated the negotiations for our proposed match."

"First, Kilbane balked at the weight, saying he was perfectly satisfied with the \$3,250 offered for his end. He said, however, that he would waive the weight question—that is, would agree to weigh in at 122 pounds ringside if the ante were raised to \$5,000. Here his bluff was called, for the club promoter, at the instigation of my manager, consented to give Kilbane that sum if he would accept the match at the feather weight limit at ringside."

"That was the last we heard of Kilbane. Instead of grabbing the \$5,000 for a six-round bout he is going about the country fighting second raters at \$1,000, or less, per man. "Kilbane is not for us to say whether Kilbane can make 122 pounds at ringside. But it does seem queer that he should refuse such a big sum for so short a bout if he can make the weight. The only hindrance to the consummation of the match."

"If I thought Kilbane could make the feather weight limit, the division in which he is champion, I would not grant him a night in a holiday announcing that he fears to meet me in the ring. I can see no other reason why he should spurn \$5,000 for 15 minutes of boxing."

And here we have another notable personage picking on Mr. Kilbane. We have reference to Abraham Attell, who a few years ago back flaunted the feather weight championship; the same Abie Attell this Kilbane person won his title from.

The name of Attell at first appears inappropriate in a boxing discussion these modern days, but Abie will have his say and list to it.

"I have not been before the public of late as much as in former years, but I have not been idling away my time. I am still in active training; training for one more bout with the man who deprived me of the championship—Johnny Kilbane."

"You cannot convince me that I am not Kilbane's master. I beat him once before, in Kansas City. That was before we met for the championship. I think I am entitled to a return battle; I would like to get another chance at my old title."

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"With that goal in view, I am still going through the training grind. This ought to prove that I am sincere in my desire to engage in another bout. I do not care to take on anybody else; Kilbane is the man I want."

Havana Making Bids.
Havana is making a strenuous bid to become the boxing center of the world. But it went about it the wrong way, and the pent up enthusiasm of the natives is likely to peter out before the tight little isle gets a chance to establish itself as the pugilistic Mecca.

For their opening bout down there a week ago, the islanders put on Young Ahearn and Willie Lewis—Ahearn, a cautious boxer, and Lewis, who saw his best days many years ago.

Little did the Havana promoter know that Ahearn and Lewis were under the same management, and that a "fake" was being perpetrated. This makes the second "frame-up" Lewis has engaged in within the short time of a year.

Several months ago, Dan Morgan, seeking some publicity for his self-proclaimed champion, Al McCoy, secured Dan McKetrick's consent to let poor Willie Lewis "tackle" the "champion." It was an unadulterated "set-up," and Lewis graciously took the count in the sixth round.

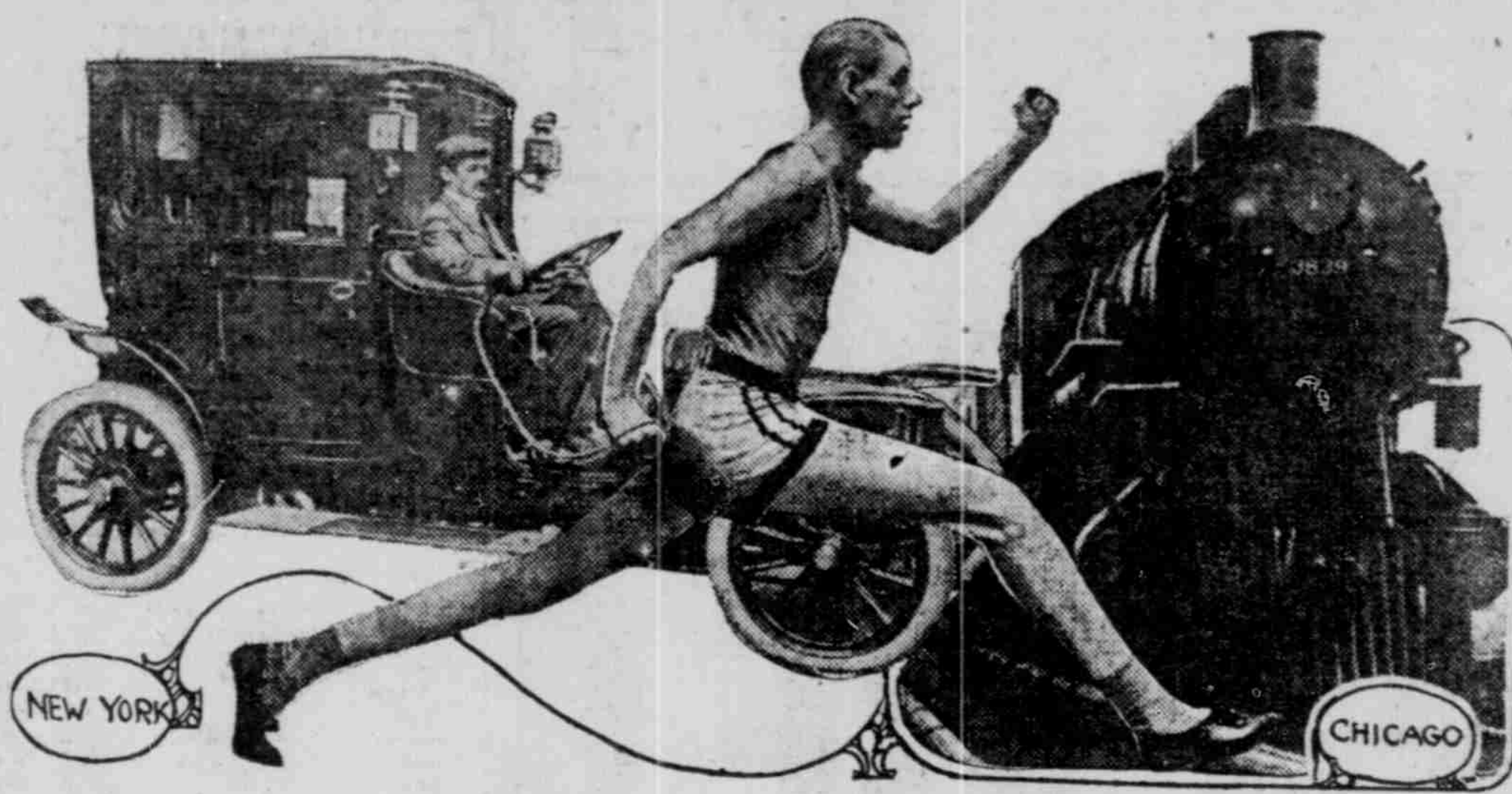
But Willie is willing to be implicated in these matches, as long as he is compensated for acting his part, as people will go to see him perform his act.

BASEBALL BUG IS ACTIVE

Notre Dame Candidates Will Start Work Tuesday.

The first call for Notre Dame baseball candidates will be issued next Tuesday. For several weeks the candidates will be given indoor workouts in the big gym. Already interest is at a high pitch and it is expected that Coach Harper's call will meet with a large response. The "baseball bug" has been instilled into the athletes by the weather of the past few days.

Goes 2,000 Miles to Run Seven Hundred Yards



JOE LOOMIS.

EAGER'S WORK IS FEATURE OF GAME

Local Y. Center Scores 27 Points in Tilt With Laporte. Locals Have Little Trouble in Winning 57 to 19.

Special to The News-Times.
LAPORTE, Feb. 20.—There was a vast difference between the playing of the local and South Bend Y. M. C. A. teams here tonight and the difference was all in favor of the visitors, the final count being South Bend, 57; Laporte, 19.

Eager was the main star for the visitors and caged 11 baskets while five points were gained through his ability to locate the baskets on fouls. Grant played his usual brand of basketball and the two local forwards had to work for all they got.

Clark was the main scorer for the locals with five baskets. Cooney, center, stood next with McCurdy ranking third. South Bend showed plenty of speed and played all over the floor. They got the edge on the local right from the start and were never headed.

The line-up and summary:
South Bend (57) Laporte (19)
C. Witt Right Forward.
A. Witt Left Forward.
McCurdy Center.
Eager Cooney.
Grant Bennethan.
Bacon Left Guard.
Substitutes—Vanden Bosch for A. Witt; Baskets—Clark, 5; McCurdy; Cooney, 2; C. Witt, 8; A. Witt, 2; Eager, 11; Grant, 4; Vanden Bosch, 2. Fouls—Eager, 5; McCurdy, 2. Points awarded—Laporte, 1.

VOLLEY BALL ON BOARDS

Six Teams Competed on Y. M. C. A. Floors Last Night.

A well matched game was played between Lick's and Switzer's volley ball teams of the Business Men's Volley Ball league last night resulting in two games for Switzer and one for Lick. The game showed that the men are getting in better form as they played a much faster game than the one last week. Score—Switzer, 21, 18, 21; Lick, 19, 21, 18.

A Jones' team defeated Gibson's team two games. Gibson's team played a good game for the first few minutes of play but soon tired and Jones' men had them on all parts of the floor. Score—A. Jones, 21, 21, 11; Gibson, 9, 16, 21.

N. Jones' team easily defeated Gardiner's team in two games but were defeated by their opponents in the last game. The score was N. Jones, 21, 21, 12; Gardiner, 16, 10, 21. The games for next week are as follows: N. Jones and A. Jones, 6 p. m.; Switzer and Gardiner, 7 p. m.

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EACH WARD WILL STAGE SCHEDULE OF BALL GAMES

First Steps Toward Formation of Amateur Athletic Union for City Are Taken at Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

Outdoor recreation for every person in South Bend who desires it, will be made possible by the organization of an amateur athletic union of St. Joseph county, towards which the first steps were taken at a meeting of representatives of the city's athletic organizations at the office of Municipal Recreation Director Barnes Saturday afternoon.

Formation of 150 baseball teams in South Bend during the coming summer will be the first thing resulting from the union, according to present plans. Gradual branching out into all forms of athletic activity will follow the installation of wholesale baseball here.

The union which is to be permanently organized at another meeting in the near future, will be similar to the Cook County Amateur Athletic union, which has general supervision of the greater part of the amateur activities of Chicago and its suburbs.

Each of the seven wards is to have its own schedule, according to the plan, with as many baseball teams playing for the ward championship as can be organized. It is expected that some of the wards will have as high as 15 teams, with about 12 as the general rule. At the end of the season, those ward champions will hold a series to decide the city title.

Turning the clocks back a half hour may be one of the methods used of making universal baseball possible. If factories and stores will consent to begin work 30 minutes earlier in the morning and cut earlier at night, factory employees will have two hours of sunlight a day in which to play whatever sport they choose.

It is expected that 20 baseball diamonds can be secured for the use of these leagues. Leeper, Pottawatomie, Lassalle, Studaker, and Conquard parks each contain room for from one to four diamonds, the school properties of the Kaley, Muesel and a few other districts will be used for baseball in the summer, together with a number of vacant lots, which still is thought can be obtained for the purpose.

Interscholar and interfactory leagues will also be promoted and governed by the union, as well as a number of inter-sectional track meets. It is hoped that a big athletic meet including all of the teams of the county can be held at the end of the summer, with an entry list larger than has ever been known here.

No definite action was taken at the meeting Saturday, due to the fact that the union has not yet been officially organized. A committee composed of Ord Barrett, J. B. Miller, Charles Guthrie, C. A. Metzler, and Charles Lentz was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the proposed union, which will be voted on at a meeting of delegates from all of the city's athletic organizations at a meeting to be held at Mr. Barnes' office Thursday evening, Feb. 25.

CLINTON.—A drove of 100 mules shipped into the city got loose from their guards and about 50 of them tore up some lawns.

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